

SHOULD THE UNITED CHURCH BE MAKING HOMOSEXUALS?

God loves homosexuals, but not their lifestyles. He tells us this clearly in scripture, reason, tradition and inspiration. Some have tried to make the Bible fit their preconceived ideas. Some claim that science and reason indicate that sexual orientation is based on genetic origin. In spite of misleading reports, the reverse is true. They often quoted John Money on prenatal hormones, but he tells us that orientation is not fixed until several years after birth. He also shows that in vast areas of the South Pacific, young males are made to live together as gays. At age 12 they are married and become heterosexual. Both these facts indicate the effect of the environment and society.

Elizabeth Moberly and many others have proved that sexual orientation can be changed. A break in family relationships may be a prime cause, and again, society must share the blame. In many cases there appears to have been a break in father-son or mother-daughter bonding, and homosexual partners are sought to make up for a felt loss of family love. Church tradition has consistently considered homosexual activity a sin, and this remains true for most of our partner churches, both developed and developing. In Korea and China, with very strong family ties, homosexuality is rare. In our pride of being modern we have returned to the morality of pagan Greece and Rome.

If the United Church encourages same sex marriages to make homosexual activity respectable, while abandoning Biblical morality and evangelism, we are compounding the problem.

It is not loving or respectful if we neglect to tell our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters that they and we are all in need of God's forgiveness and mercy.

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